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Title : Need to include Nilgiri Block in Orissa under National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme.

SHRI ARJUN SETHI (BHADRAK): In the State of Orissa 18-economically Backward Districts have been identified by the Ministry of Rural Development; Government of India for the implementation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. To provide income security to the poor and bridge the rural poverty gap. Unfortunately the District of Balasore in the state is not included in the list. But amongst the 12 Blocks of the district, Nilgiri is one of the Blocks where 65% of the population are scheduled Tribes and Poor. In this Block Tribal sub plan is in force since 1975 for their economic development. Due to non inclusion of the District in the list, 65% of the Tribal people in this Block will not get such benefits due for them under the Act.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to consider favourably for the inclusion of the Nilgiri Block in the district for the implementation of the Act. For the upliftment of the Tribal people living in the Block of the State of Orissa.